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I believe that any of the proposed settlements with Microsoft will fail to solve the major roadblocks to innovation they currently enjoy as a majority operating system vendor. They have used their position and raw money to halt competing products in their tracks. They have historically announced products which are never released, doing so to kill interest in any startup competitor's new idea that might eventually erode Microsoft's control. Microsoft uses highly anti-competitive licensing agreements with its software application developers which prevent the feasible release of most Windows application on any competing operating platform.

There are an enormous number of further complaints I have about Microsoft and their practices, but others have said it better and more clearly, particularly Dan Kegel
<<http://www.kegel.com/remedy/remedy2.html>> and David K. Every
<<http://www.mackido.com/Innovation/SoftwareDevelopmentCycle.html>>.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinions and those of my fellow citizens. I am a computer programmer, and I sincerely believe that Microsoft's practices are what killed the economy. Hopefully we can prevent them from stifling any more great ideas.

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